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Wednesday, 3 July 1952

1. Chatted with Director Allen of the PSB respecting the Loomis Report. I explained to him the situation with respect to the figures cited in the Report and also the general reasons why I feel that the matters considered in this Report could best be handled by a program of coordination undertaken by the Department of State, rather than PSB. I indicated, however, that if the figures relating to CIA were deleted, I would have no objection to the circulation of the Report, since it was at least thought-provoking and that is what was required in this field. After some discussion, Mr. Allen indicated that he would transmit the Report, with the figures relating to CIA deleted, to Gen. Smith under a covering letter from Mr. Allen, which would be transmitted to Gen. Smith through me. This permitted us to cancel the later meeting scheduled with the General and I so informed the General at the Deputies' meeting. - a

2. At the Deputies' meeting, Col. White indicated that Adm. Overesch would arrive in this country on Sunday, 28 July, and would be in Washington for about ten days prior to his departure for Tokyo. Interested offices should be alerted so that we can set up any necessary meetings with Overesch. - a

3. Reported to the DCI the discussion at the NSC Senior Staff Steering Group meeting on Tuesday relating to Formosa. The DCI approved the position I had taken on behalf of him and indicated his desire to attend the next Steering Group meeting on this subject. I explained that Defense was drafting a new paper, and that he would probably want to look that over. Mr. Wisner made available to me his "Eyes Only" memorandum relating to this general subject, covering a meeting attended by Mr. Dulles and himself. I later phoned Jimmy Lay and informed him of the Director's desire to attend the next Steering Group meeting on Formosa and Lay indicated that he would discuss this with the DCI on Thursday.

4. After some discussion, the DCI determined not to send the letter I had drafted respecting the Gunther article, but he requested that we seek to have certain changes made. In particular, he had certain changes in the introductory comment of the editorial. I got in touch with [REDACTED] by phone and he persuaded LOOK to have the changes made in the editorial introduction, which involved making a new plate, but was unable to obtain any of the other suggested changes. I so informed the DCI.

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5. Spoke to the DCI respecting the status of truce negotiations and indicated that I had become convinced that the securing of an armistice depended upon the finesse with which negotiations were conducted. I was extremely impressed by the parallel between the approach made to Gross at

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the UN and that initially made to the Germans in 1939. Consequently, I regarded the State Department decision not to exploit this avenue until further development of the Indian-Chinese avenue, a primary error. After this discussion the DCI called again for the Gross report.

6. Attended IAC.

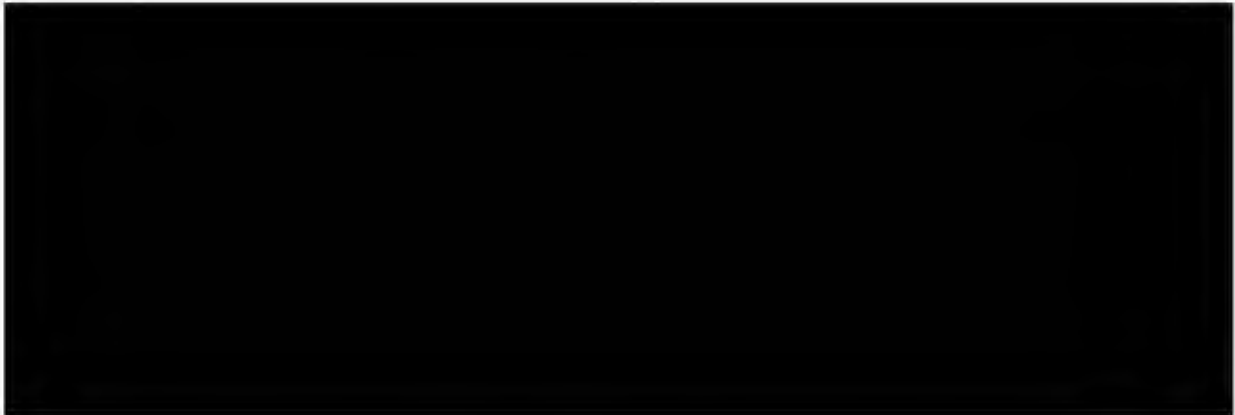
7. At the IAC spoke to Gen. Weckerling and suggested that we confer respecting intelligence support for [REDACTED] We will do that either late Thursday or early next week. 25X1A9a

8. AD/CD requested my assistance in securing JCS 1953/11 dated 28 May 1952, and I requested it by phone of Gen. Partridge.

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9. Conferred with [REDACTED] Acting AD/O, respecting instructions to be given to Contact Division.

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11. During the evening, visited Adm. Johnson at the Naval Medical Center. He informed me that it is planned to make Adm. Espey DNI some time in September. Espey has had some substantial intelligence experience, although he is primarily a destroyer officer. Johnson also volunteered to put me into contact with [REDACTED] and from whom, Johnson believes, valuable information can be obtained. Johnson also informed me that the [REDACTED] would be visiting [REDACTED] this fall and that it would be most helpful if the DCI and I could speak with him. I undertook to see what I could do.

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12. Having received a copy of a memorandum sent by AD/CD to Administrative Services respecting heat in the skating rink, I passed on the memorandum to Col. White with an expression of my view that every effort should be made to satisfy the needs of CD there as a matter of the highest priority. This could go ahead without awaiting any decision on the general question of air conditioning.

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